October 19, 1983

Robert -

How frustrated I am because I can not reach you at 1 - 717 - 282 2484 and because I do not want to telephone the "Mrs. Colville" number for fear that I will get the Jean and Ken residence and have to ask them about your number.

I had a lovely afternoon ( 3 PM - 5 PM ) with the Holsteins last Friday, October 14. They met me at the Library at Widener and we spent two hours in the Media Center in the basement of the Library and there I photographed their collection of stereographs. I have two negatives of each of the Carbondale stereographs, plus good details of each of them.

Several other things came up:

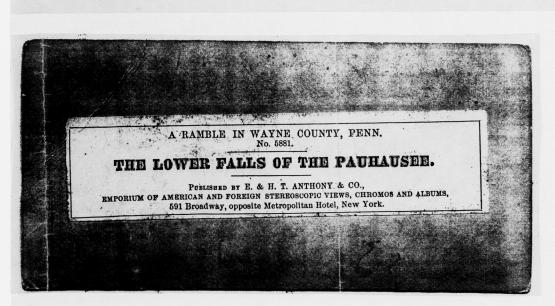
1. Matching grant. Enclosed is a brochure from Atlantic Richfield which the Holsteins have partially filled out. If the CHS & Museum has a tax-exempt status (see bottom of column following PART B), then fill out the Part B and enclose the copy of the tax-exempt letter and then send it, and notify the Holsteins that you have done do so. Just a note to them telling them whether the CHS & Museum does or does not have the status so that they know whether Atlantic Richfield will or will not match the grant. They want to know, just for their records.

- 2. Mr. Holstein , who subscribes to American History Illustrated thought that the "Currents" page from the two issues which I have xeroxed would apply to the CHS & Museum . Apparently by following the procedures on the two pages one might get considerable federal monies.
- 3. If the CHS& Museum has a spare sheet or two of its stationery then send a sheet or two of it to Mr. and Mrs. Holstein. I can't remember just what she was going to write on it but what it was was for your (the CHS&Museum's) benefit. She wanted to write to someone on the Society's behalf.
- 4. The Holsteins came across a "campaign button" of James Archbald at a dealer's store somewhere sometime. She wants to buy it for the Society and donate it. She will do this soon, and send it to you personally.
- 5. Mrs. Holstein has a photo postcard or stereograph (I can't remember which) - I'm pretty sure photo postcard - of the O & W Railroad depot at Kerhonson (Middleport) NY that she would like to sell to Bob Tomaine. She read the Lecture and Film Series literature and therein she discovered Bob's interest and so she bought it and would like to pass it on to him. Tell her, if he is interested, and she will name the price and send the card to you or to him.

As a little cadeaux she gave me the Anthony & Co. stereograph, "A Ramble in Wayne County, Penn."

They were both dears and we will go to an auction together shortly.

I hope to hear from you and get your correct mailing address shortly.



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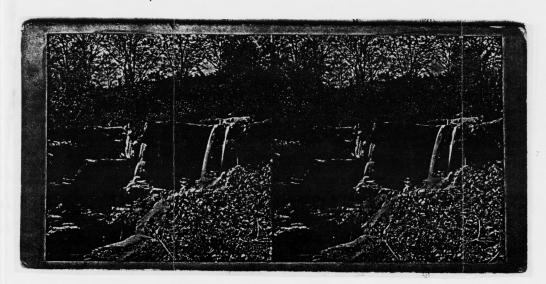
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In the latter years of the 19th century, Americans expressed a growing ton that would help them in the ules prohibit extensive travel. There interest in preserving the past by organizing historical societies in their communities. The activities of these concerned citizens varied, as did their resources, and the results they achieved generally rested on the efforts of volunteers. Sometimes their dedication succeeded in acquiring, refurbishing, and opening historic homes as muse-ums. Other projects brought together written by Edward P. Alexander of the New York Historical Association, documents, artifacts, and pictures that recorded their community's heritage and published books about a shared past that increased residents' awareness of the bonds that joined neighbors to towns, towns to states, and states to the nation.

At the same time, professional historians acknowledged their responsibility to encourage the important work being accomplished by local labels, publishing a newsletter, reachistorians. In 1904 the American ing the public through television and Historical Association established a Conference of State and Local Historical Societies specifically intended to help community history leaders local history activities going. Most of with the problems they encountered. During the 1930s, however, conference members decided their goals could not be reached within the existing structure. Among themselves they debated the prospects for a strong or-ganization of historical societies, questioning desirable goals and ways to realize them. They authorized committee chairman Christopher Crittenden, then director of the North Carolina Department of History and tation; oral history; finding sources; Archives, "to study the need for bet-researching, writing, and publishing ter coordination of state and local local history; genealogy; and organizsociety activities." Careful evaluation of the findings, and an expressed will- written by people with professional ingness to reevaluate periodically, led training, they are written for people to an independent organization in a working situation. (Nearby His which later became known as the American Association of State and You, a current AASLH release, will Local History. Crittenden was elected be reviewed in the March 1983 issue its president. On January 14, 1941, he of AHI.) issued a press release stating the asso- Since some questions cannot be anciation's purpose as "the promotion of effort and activity in the fields of ation understands the importance of

ing an historical society. Though swered in books, and since the associstate, provincial, and local history in meeting other historical society the United States and Canada." workers, it also conducts seminars The founders included professional and workshops in different sections historians, archivists, museum cura- of the country. These provide the tors, a representative of the National chance to learn about local history Park Service, as well as people active management firsthand and, perhaps in various patriotic organizations, such as the Daughters of the Amerishare problems and solutions from can Revolution. All were familiar one's own experience. Independent with the difficulties and rewards of preserving history. They envisioned study courses developed through National Endowment for the Humanithe AASLH as a service agency, deties funding offer another way to veloping programs to provide his-stretch one's knowledge without leav-

field. They began by issuing a biare also audio-visual training kits demonthly newsletter and by preparing a revised *Handbook of Historical* signed for use within the community.

As the AASLH services have Crittenden, meanwhile, initiated a series of bulletins addressing specific year. Understandably the staff sets problems that historical society and priorities determining where they museum personnel faced. The first, written by Edward P. Alexander of must focus their attention: this goes to people actually working with local history. Judging from AHI correwas titled "What Should Our Historical Society Do?" Over the years the newsletter was expanded into the the professional and volunteer historians in their communities. They,

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